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The New Avengers and the Astonishing X-Men met to discuss the fate of Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch—the daughter of the powerful mutant terrorist Magneto. After losing control of her reality-altering powers and suffering a total nervous breakdown, Wanda unleashed chaos upon the Avengers, killing and injuring many of their number. Magneto intervened and took his daughter to the devastated island-nation of Genosha, where Charles Xavier—Professor X, the founder of the X-Men—was to help her recover. Xavier failed, and now it is up to Wanda's friends and teammates to decide whether she will live or die. But Magneto, Wanda, and her brother Pietro disappear...

Then the world burns to white. Reality as we knew it is gone...

...to be replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions, and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

HOUSE OF M

Bruce Banner has a secret side, a personality that hides behind his unassuming exterior. In times of stress and rage he transforms into something more than human: he becomes a hulking monster capable of incredible mayhem and destruction, putting those close to him in the path of certain harm.

After years of emotional turmoil and self-exile, he seeks to calm the fierce dichotomy of his life and repress his inner ferocity so that he may—once again—live not as a monster, but simply a man...in the warm embrace of peace.

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A man with a snake tattoo on his chest is shown from the waist up. He is holding a small bowl and a stick. The background is dark and jungle-like.

YOU HAVE
MEDITATED LONG AND
HARD, TWO MINDS. YOU
HAVE TAKEN YOUR FIRST
TENTATIVE STEPS INTO
THE DREAMLAND.

I HAVE
WALKED IT BESIDE
YOU, SEEN WHAT
YOU HAVE SEEN.

AND
YOUR TOTEM
HAS BEEN
REVEALED
TO US.

IT IS THE
SNAKE.

THE PALE
CULTURE IMPARTS
EVIL TO THE
SNAKE. THIS IS
UNFORTUNATE.

THE SNAKE
REPRESENTS CHARM,
POWER. MORE THAN
THAT, IT REPRESENTS
THE DRIVE TO
LEARN.

THE
SNAKE SHEDS ITS
SKIN AS WE SHED
PRECONCEPTIONS
WHEN NEW IDEAS
ARE PRESENTED
TO US.


YOU CAN
SEE WHERE THE
SNAKE HAS BEEN
BY WHAT IT LEAVES
BEHIND.

THE
SNAKE IS BOLD
IN ITS MOVES,
SUBTLE IN ITS
PERSUASIONS.

IT CAN
STRIKE IN A
VARIETY OF
WAYS.

AND IF
UNDERESTIMATED, IT
CAN BE DEADLY.

DOES
THIS TOTEM
SATISFY
YOU, TWO
MINDS?

A close-up of a man's face, showing his eyes, nose, and mouth. He has a snake tattoo on his cheek. The background is dark and jungle-like.

MY
SATISFACTION
DOES NOT
MATTER.

IT IS
WHAT IT
IS.

TERRA INCOGNITA

PART 1



YOU
HAVE LEARNED
MUCH AND YOU
HAVE LEARNED
WELL.

YOU
ARE ON THE
PATH TO BECOMING
ONE OF THE TRUE
PEOPLE. CONTINUE
ON THE PATH,
AND--

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"BUT THE ONES
WHO ARE ALREADY
HERE...ARE NOT
OUR CONCERN.

"THEY FLEE OPPRESSION.
THE TRUE PEOPLE HAVE
KNOWN OPPRESSION AND
HAVE FLED IT AS WELL,
SO WE CAN SYMPATHIZE
WITH THEIR NEED.

"HOWEVER, THEY
KNOW NOT THAT
THEIR OPPRESSORS
ARE COMING.
BUT THEY ARE.

"AND IT WILL
NOT GO WELL."



OVERALL, I THINK IT'S
GOING PRETTY WELL,
MOM.

PEOPLE ARE
TIRED AND HOT AND
EXHAUSTED...BUT THEY'RE
HERE. PEOPLE HAVE COME
HERE TO THE NORTHERN
TERRITORY FROM AS FAR
AS SYDNEY.



IF THE
MUTANT OPPRESSION
CONTINUES, DEAR,
THEY'LL BE COMING
FROM MUCH FURTHER
AWAY THAN
THAT.

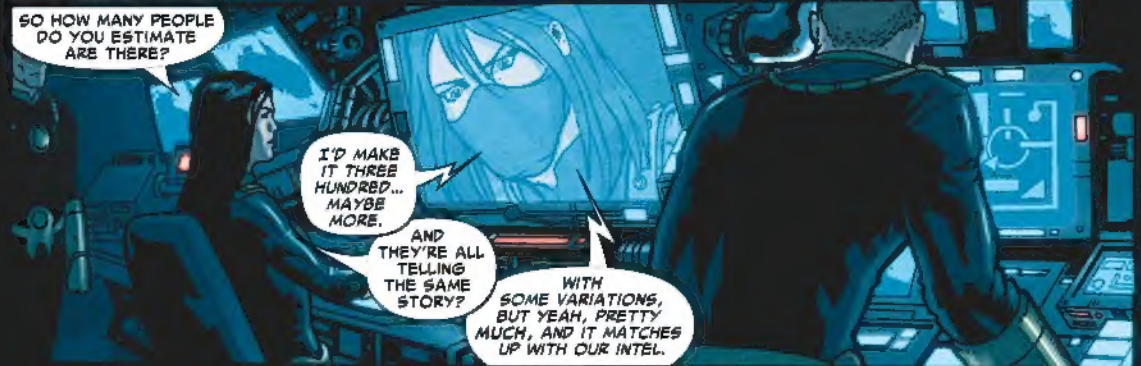
WHERE
ARE YOU,
ANYWAY?





IN THE GULF OF CARPENTARIA, JUST OFF BORROLOOLA.

I SWEAR, YOU JUST HAVE TO LOVE THE NAMES IN AUSTRALIA.



SO HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU ESTIMATE ARE THERE?

I'D MAKE IT THREE HUNDRED... MAYBE MORE.

AND THEY'RE ALL TELLING THE SAME STORY?

WITH SOME VARIATIONS, BUT YEAH, PRETTY MUCH, AND IT MATCHES UP WITH OUR INTEL.



IN OTHER COUNTRIES, HUMANS ARE SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS. DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, TREATED LIKE THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL. BUT THAT'S AS FAR AS IT GOES.

BUT THE MUTANT GOVERNMENT HERE IN AUSTRALIA IS ANOTHER DEAL ALTOGETHER.



ROUNDING PEOPLE UP?

YUP.

INTERMENT CAMPS, OR WORSE? THE AUSTRALIAN EQUIVALENT OF THE FINAL SOLUTION?

THE WHAT?



GOD SAVE US FROM AMERICAN SCHOOLS. I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT YOU THERE TO BE EDUCATED.

"THE FINAL SOLUTION," DEAR. HITLER'S PLAN TO EXTERMINATE ALL THE JEWS.

OH, THAT.

YES, THAT.



WELL, HITLER DIDN'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH A.I.M. WE'RE DOING GOOD WORK HERE, MOTHER.

I THINK YOU WERE RIGHT WHEN YOU URGED US TO COME HERE. ANY WAY THAT WE CAN SHOW HUMANS THEY DON'T HAVE TO ROLL OVER IN THE FACE OF MUTANT OPPRESSION, IT'S SURE TO...



UH-OH.

WHAT "UH-OH?"

WHAT'S THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN EARTHQUAKE IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY?

SLIGHT. MUCH MORE LIKELY IN THE WESTERN REGIONS. WHY?



IF WE'RE NOT HAVING AN EARTHQUAKE...

...THEN I THINK WE'RE ABOUT TO GET COMPANY.

SCORPION! THEY'RE COMING!

I KNOW, ADAM.

I THOUGHT THEY WEREN'T GOING TO COME HERE INTO THE OUTBACK! THAT THEY'D BE SATISFIED WITH--



BULLIES AREN'T EVER SATISFIED, ADAM. NOT EVER.

THEY'LL KEEP ON COMING UNTIL YOU MAKE A STAND.

WE MIGHT AS WELL MAKE IT HERE.

I SEE YOUR POINT.





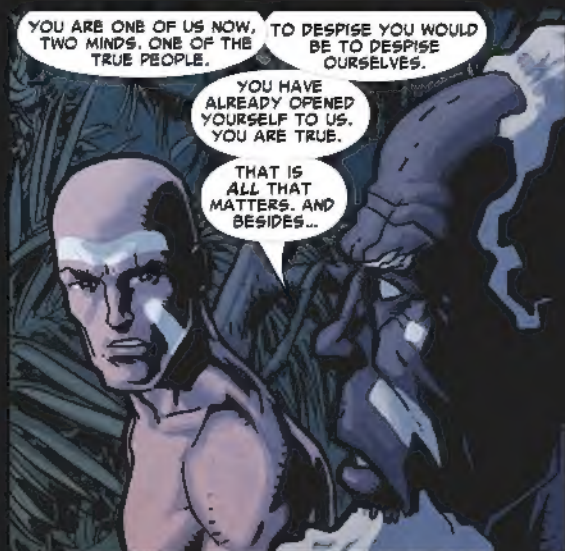
WILL
YOU DESPISE
ME?



DESPISE
YOU?

MY...
OTHER MIND.
YOU'VE NEVER
ACTUALLY...
SEEN IT.

IF IT...HE...IT...
EMERGES...WILL
YOU DESPISE
ME, OLD MAN?
THINK THE LESS
OF ME?



YOU ARE ONE OF US NOW,
TWO MINDS. ONE OF THE
TRUE PEOPLE.

TO DESPISE YOU WOULD
BE TO DESPISE
OURSELVES.

YOU HAVE
ALREADY OPENED
YOURSELF TO US.
YOU ARE TRUE.

THAT IS
ALL THAT
MATTERS. AND
BESIDES...



THEY HAVE ENTERED
ONE OF OUR SACRED
PLACES.

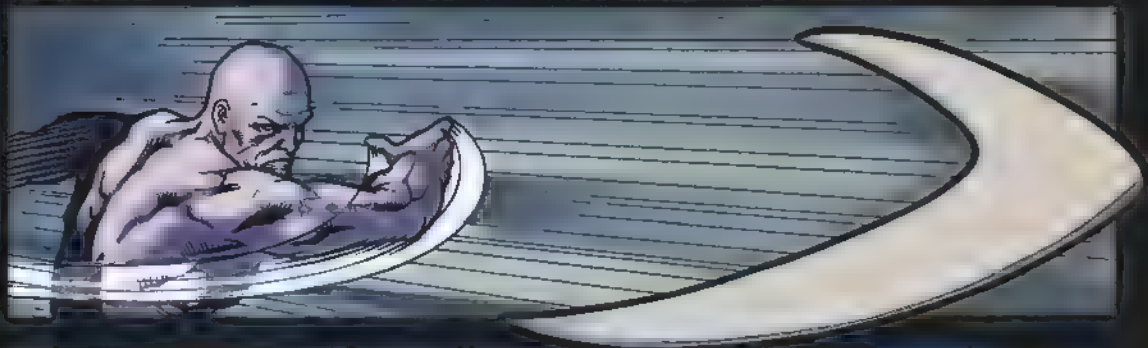
THAT IS
UNACCEPTABLE.

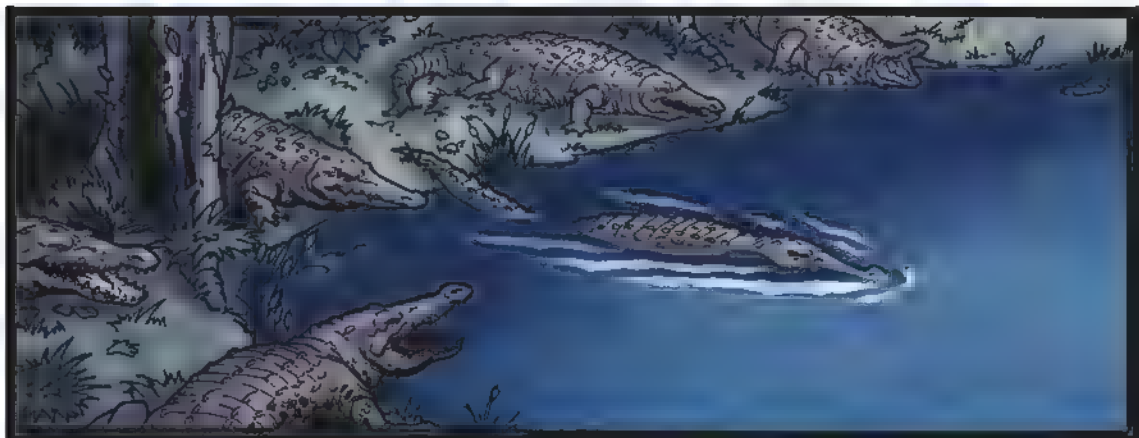


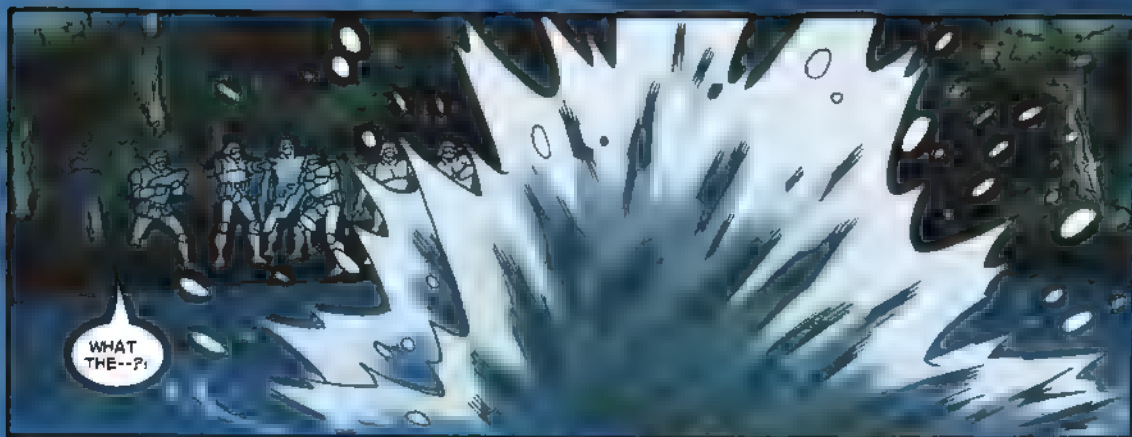
YOU'RE JUST MAKING
IT HARDER ON
YOURSELVES!



I COULD
SAY THE SAME
OF YOU.











ARRRRHHH!!!



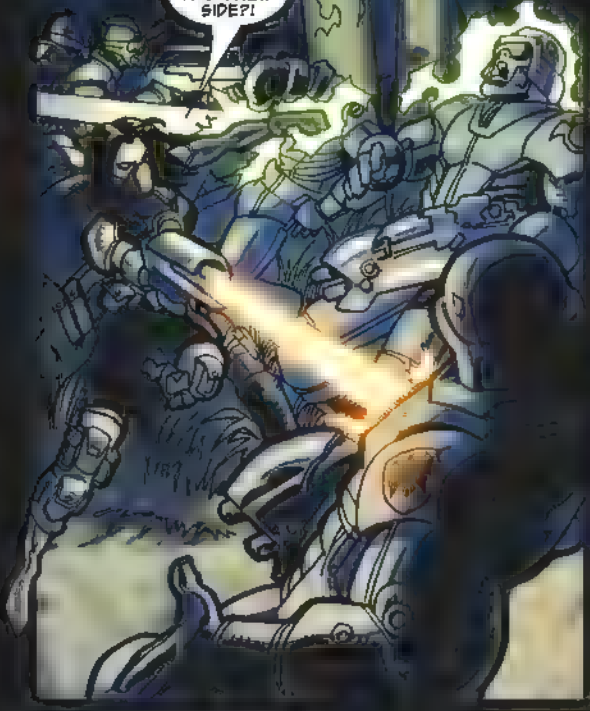
KILL
YOU...
I'LL...



GOOD
LUCK WITH
THAT.

YOU'RE HUMANS!
HUMANS ATTACKING
OTHER HUMANS,
ON BEHALF OF
MUTANTS!

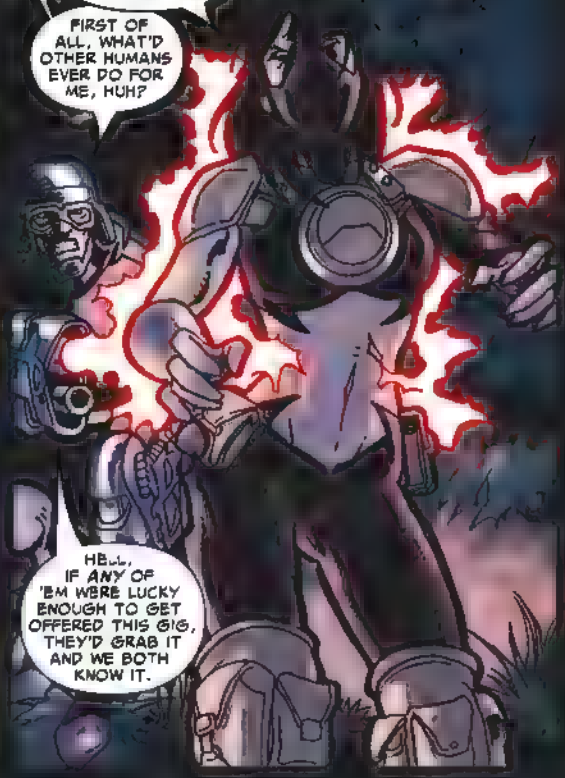
HOW
CAN YOU
POSSIBLY
TAKE THEIR
SIDE?!



YOU DON'T GET
TO JUDGE US,
FREAK!

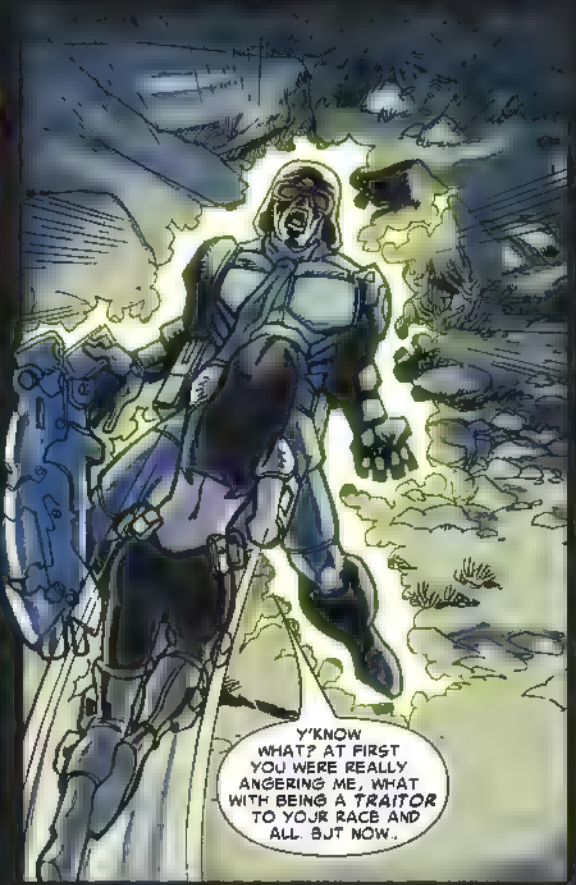
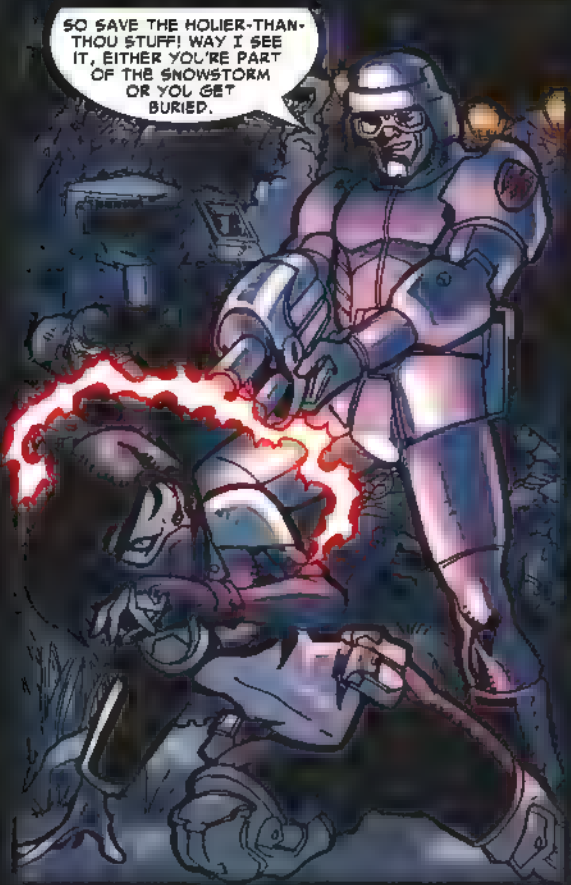
UNHHHH...

FIRST OF
ALL, WHAT'D
OTHER HUMANS
EVER DO FOR
ME, HUH?

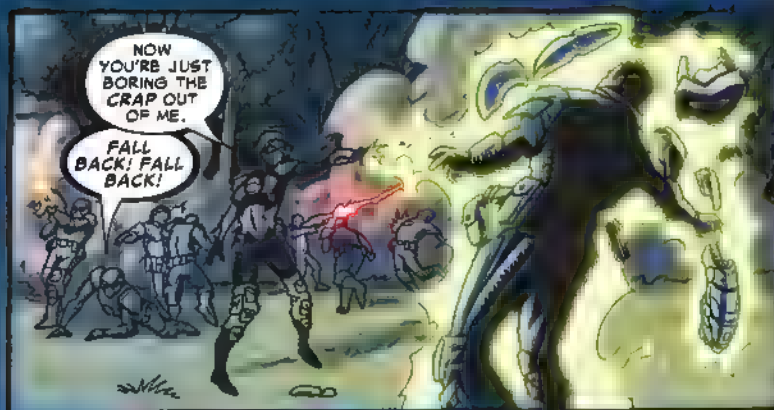


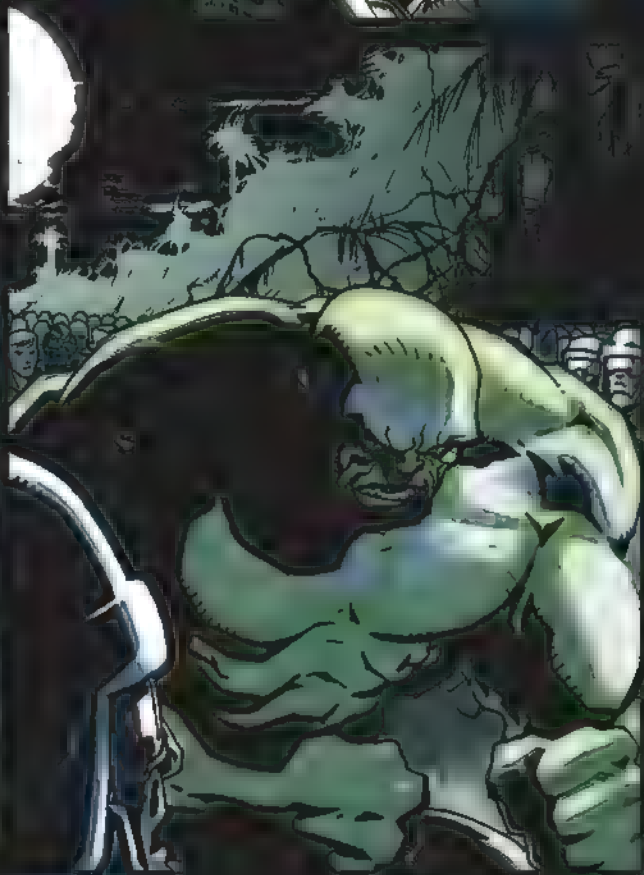
HELL,
IF ANY OF
'EM WERE LUCKY
ENOUGH TO GET
OFFERED THIS GIG,
THEY'D GRAB IT
AND WE BOTH
KNOW IT.

SO SAVE THE HOLIER-THAN-
THOU STUFF! WAY I SEE
IT, EITHER YOU'RE PART
OF THE SNOWSTORM
OR YOU GET
BURIED.



Y'KNOW
WHAT? AT FIRST
YOU WERE REALLY
ANGERING ME, WHAT
WITH BEING A TRAITOR
TO YOUR RACE AND
ALL. BUT NOW.







RAAAAAARRRR!!

I NEED A SHUTTLE GET ME UP THERE, NOW.

DR. RAPPAACCINI, IT'LL TAKE TIME TO PREPARE A--

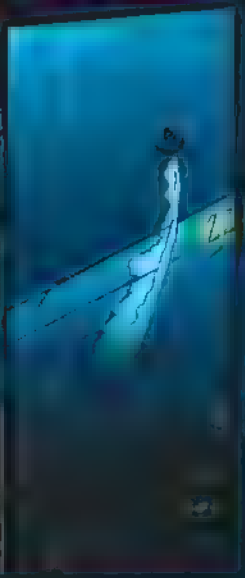
I DON'T NEED TO TAKE TIME, AND I CERTAINLY DON'T NEED TO TAKE EXCUSES! THE GODS HAVE REACHED DOWN AND HANDED US A BLESSING! DON'T YOU GET THAT?

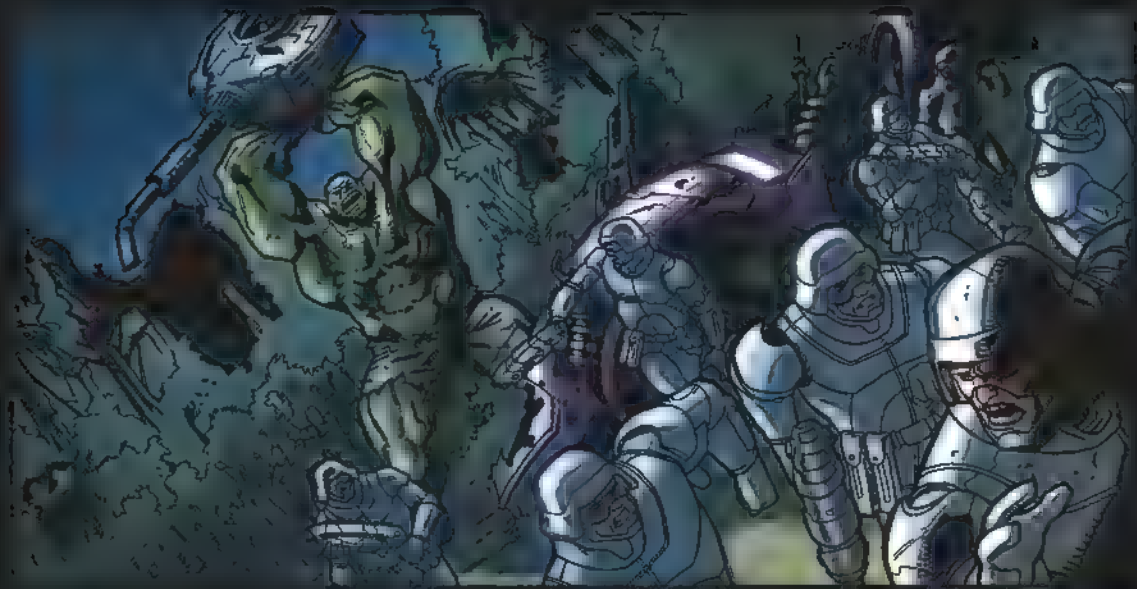
A HALF-TON, GREEN-SKINNED, GAMMA-IRRADIATED BLESSING!

AND I AM NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO EXPLOIT IT TO ITS FULLEST POTENTIAL FROM DOWN HERE.

A SHUTTLE FOR DR. RAPPAACCINI! RIGHT NOW!

COME ON, PEOPLE! MOVE LIKE YOU'VE GOT A PURPOSE!









HECK OF A...
CLIMB UP HERE...
OLD MAN. THOUGHT
I WAS GOING TO
HAVE...A HEART
ATTACK...GETTING
UP HERE...

~HUFF~
~HUFF~

HAD YOU PERMITTED
YOUR OTHER MIND TO
DO SO, HE COULD
HAVE VAULTED UP
HERE.

YES.

BUT YOU
DID NOT WISH TO
GIVE HIM...WHAT? THE
SATISFACTION?

YES.

IT IS
AMUSING THAT
YOU WOULD FEEL
RIVALRY WITH
HIM, WHEN HE
IS YOU.

NO.
HE'S REALLY
NOT.

THE PALES WISH
YOU TO GO WITH
THEM.

YOU
KNOW
THAT?

YOU
KNOW IT, TWO MINDS.
THEREFORE, I KNOW IT.
THEY WISH YOU TO GO WITH
THEM. TO ROOT OUT THE
OPPRESSORS, TO SAVE
A CHILD. TO CHANGE
THINGS.

I...DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO DO. IT'S
AN IMPORTANT
DECISION...

NO.
IT'S REALLY
NOT.

I HAVE BEEN WALKING
EXTENSIVELY IN THE
DREAMTIME. IT HAS
NOT FELT...RIGHT...
TO ME.

I NOW
UNDERSTAND
WHY.



WE
ARE IN THE
DREAMTIME NOW.
THAT WHICH IS...
ISN'T.

IT WILL
NOT LAST. IT IS
UNNATURAL, AND
THE LAND MOTHER
ABOMINATES THE
UNNATURAL.



I...DON'T KNOW WHAT
YOU MEAN.

YOU WILL...
AND PERHAPS YOU
WILL HELP END IT. OR
PERHAPS NOT. YOU
MUST LEARN THAT
YOURSELF.

LEARN
WHAT? I JUST...
I WANT TO DO THE
RIGHT THING.

THE
RIGHT THING.
HENH. DO YOU KNOW
OF THE STOLEN
GENERATION?

THE
WHAT?



THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO
ATTEND TO THE PROBLEMS WE
PRESENTED AS A PEOPLE BY
FORCING US TO ASSIMILATE.
SO THEY TOOK OUR
CHILDREN AWAY.

FORCED
THEM INTO PALE
SOCIETY WHILE IT
WAS EXPECTED WE
WOULD DIE OFF.
ENDING OUR RACE
WAS CONSIDERED...
MERCIFUL.

I HAD TWO
SONS. THEY WERE
TAKEN. I NEVER SAW
THEM AGAIN. THEIR MINDS
WERE LOST TO ME. ALL
IN THE SPIRIT OF DOING
THE RIGHT THING.



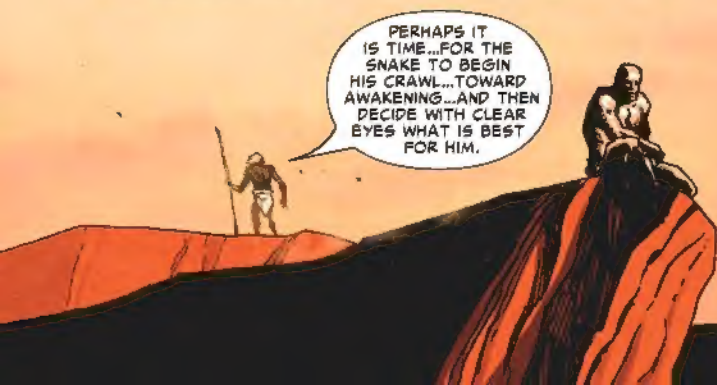
THE TRUTH
RISES ABOVE ALL.
AND IN PURSUING IT,
YOU MIGHT ALSO BE
TAKEN AWAY FROM ME.
BUT I MUST TRUST IN
THE LAND MOTHER AND
HER WILL...EVEN THOUGH
I WOULD MISS YOU
IF YOU LEFT.

AND I
WOULD MISS
YOU, OLD
MAN.

I'M HAPPY
HERE. I'VE NEVER
BEEN THIS HAPPY IN
MY LIFE. I DIDN'T THINK
IT WAS POSSIBLE TO
BE THIS HAPPY.



THAT IS
HOW YOU KNOW...
THAT YOU WALK IN
THE DREAMTIME.



PERHAPS IT
IS TIME...FOR THE
SNAKE...TOWARD
AWAKENING...AND THEN
DECIDE WITH CLEAR
EYES WHAT IS BEST
FOR HIM.